SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2016-267-C ORDER NO. 2016-117-H

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Petition of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition to Require Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol ("Interconnected VoIP") Service Providers to Contribute to the South Carolina Universal Service Fund

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") for a Continuance of the Hearing

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Counsel for SCTC has filed a Motion for Expedited Review in this Docket, along with a verification for the already-filed testimony of Douglas Meredith. The hearing in this matter is presently scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2016. The Commission will not be able to consider the Motion for Expedited Review until November 30, 2016. Accordingly, SCTC requests a continuance of the November 29, 2016 hearing until the Commission can consider and rule on the Motion for Expedited Review, which if granted, may dispose of the need for a formal hearing. This Motion is consistent with the principle of judicial economy. Accordingly, the Motion for Continuance of the hearing is hereby granted. If, for any reason, the Motion for Expedited Review is denied, the Commission's Clerk's Office will reschedule the hearing for another date.